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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EFIS, UR, PP

SUBJECT: SOVIET INTEREST IN PNG FISHING REPORTED

1. NEW AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER NUTTER TOLD ME THAT AUSTRALIAN PURPORTING TO SPEAK FOR USSR WAS IN PORT MORESBY EARLIER IN MONTH TALKING ABOUT LICENSING OF SOVIET FISHING VESSELS, SHORE INSTALLATIONS FOR SOVIET FISHING VESSELS, POSSIBLE PLANS, ETC., WITH GPNG. NUTTER SAID ABOVE MENTIONED AUSTRALIAN NAMED GIBSON BENNY WAS CONNECTED WITH FIRM CALLED COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WHICH IS KNOWN TO REPRESENT SOVIET COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA.

2. NUTTER SAID BENNY HAD NOTHING EXCEPT HIS CALLING CARD TO PROVE THAT HE SPOKE FOR SOVIETS, AND MAY BE NOTHING MORE THAN ANOTHER SOUTH SEAS ADVENTURER. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIANS ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY. CONFIDENTIAL

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